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# The Editorial Outlook

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## THE 1947 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CHRISTIANS of America have had their eyes focused on Lake Success and Flushing Meadow during the period covered by the recent session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. They are aware of the misgivings engendered in the public mind by the charges and countercharges of war mongering and the all too frequent display of political irritability. They know that this year's General Assembly, contrary to its high purpose, became the sounding board for conflicting political and economic ideologies. They recognize that the disunity reflected in the discussions is a far cry from that mutuality of interests which made possible the drafting of the Charter at San Francisco. However, despite these untoward developments, it is not too much to say that the Christian thinking people of the United States, as of other lands, still put their faith in the United Nations.

This is not to deny that the United Nations has been and is currently beset with many difficulties not foreseen at San Francisco. The inability of France, Great Britain, Russia and the United States to agree on a peace settlement for Germany and Austria has created a potentially dangerous situation in Europe that is reflected in the sharp divisions which have characterized the votes recorded in this year's General Assembly. The frequency with which the "veto" is invoked in the Security Council has induced a mood of frustration. The regrettable refusal of the States of Eastern Europe to participate in the European Recovery Program has had harmful repercussions within the General Assembly. The threatened refusal of a minority block of States to participate in various agencies established by the General Assembly poses a serious problem for the United Nations. Statesmanship of a high order will be required if these and kindred obstacles to the successful functioning of the United Nations are to be overcome.

Regardless of these considerations, the 1947 General Assembly has several solid achievements to its credit. These achievements have been obscured by the tendency of both press and

radio to highlight the platform calisthenics of the Assembly's more colorful personalities. This kind of publicity is to be deplored. Discerning Christians, however, will not be misled by banner headlines and radio gossip that stress the emotional overtones of controversy. They will insist on distinguishing between flamboyant rhetoric and the constructive advances. They will rejoice in the fact that in the General Assembly nations are required to make known their views on controversial issues in such a way that the peoples of every land may listen. Were there no United Nations where differences could be publicly aired there would be resort to secret name-calling and an undercover maneuvering for position that might well be fatal to the world peace.

Among the achievements of the 1947 General Assembly the following may be noted: the creation of a Special Committee on Greece; the establishment of the Interim Committee, or, as it is popularly described, the "Little Assembly"; the adoption of a plan for the partition of Palestine; and the establishment of a United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea. That certain of these Commissions and Committees may be hindered by the non-cooperation of Russia and the Slav states does not compromise the determination of the General Assembly faithfully to fulfill its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security. Christians have reason to be encouraged by the fact that the General Assembly, despite the tactics of threat and coercion, has demonstrated its purpose to come to grips with issues of major importance and to institute the procedures required to resolve these issues.

The primary need of the United Nations in this crucial hour is the cultivation of the spirit of goodwill and mutual trust. Only upon such a foundation can there be established the peace for which Christians pray. It is precisely at this point that the churches can be most helpful. They can be instrumental in promoting a more intelligent and sympathetic understanding of the aims and achievements of the United Nations. Study conferences, institutes and seminars should be sponsored by the churches everywhere.



A steady stream of helpful and constructive correspondence should be going forward to the American delegates to the United Nations and its various agencies. Pastors should avail themselves of every opportunity to evaluate the ongoing work of the United Nations in the light of Christian judgments.

The General Assembly has designated October 24, which marks the anniversary of the coming into being of the United Nations, as "United Nations Day." The Assembly invited Member Governments to cooperate with the United Nations in securing observance of this anniversary. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has discontinued its former observance of "Armistice Sunday" and has invited its constituent communions to observe each year the Sunday nearest October 24 as "World Order Sunday." It is hoped that the communions of other nations, through the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, instituted by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council, may be able to unite their forces in the observance of World Order Sunday and thereby assist in the development of that moral and spiritual climate so essential to the success of the United Nations.

### BEYOND OUR OWN

A NEW and convincing demonstration of the fact that the Gospel is good news is afforded by the first production of the Protestant Film Commission,—*"Beyond Our Own."*

Our churches need to make use of the new and persuasive power of motion picture art. *"Beyond Our Own"* does just that. It is a vivid and gripping drama of the life story of two brothers, one a doctor and the other a lawyer, holding opposing views of the purpose and meaning of life. Without any preachment one perceives the contrast between a life lived with Christ and a life lived without Christ. This well-integrated story, capably acted and artistically appealing, stirs the finest emotions and "moves upon the will with strong persuasion."

An example of the growing spirit of cooperation among the churches is furnished by the production of this film. Thirteen communions, working together through the Protestant Film Commission, shared in its financing and sponsorship. With the hearty cooperation of councils of churches, it was released on November 10 when showings were given in 100 cities.

Further evidence of the trend toward program coordination and timing is found in the fact that the production and release of this film accords with the special emphasis currently being placed upon evangelism.

### THE FOOD CRISIS IN EUROPE

ALMOST daily reports from churchmen overseas indicate that the food crisis in large sections of Europe may be worse this winter than at any time since the beginning of the war. Until this year, despite the shortage of fertilizers, equipment, and manpower, European agriculture had made a considerable recovery. But the severe weather last winter and the prolonged drought this summer and autumn have proved disastrous. According to the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization in September, the expected grain harvest this year was calculated at seven and one-half million tons below last year's harvest, while needs have grown by an estimated one and one-half million tons.

This means that if western Europe is able to import as much wheat and other cereals as last year, there will still be a gap of some nine million tons or three hundred million bushels. It means that urban families, inadequately nourished on the rations of past years, face a drastic cut in the basic bread ration long before the next harvest. It means that tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of men, women, and children will succumb to starvation or disease if heroic measures are not taken immediately by peoples in areas of relative abundance.

It is against this background that the urgency of church and secular appeals for food conservation and relief contributions should be judged. The voluntary campaign to save one hundred million bushels of grain, the short-term program before the Congress to finance emergency aid to France, Italy, and Austria, the forthcoming cooperative appeal for relief funds under American Overseas Aid, as well as the special church offerings, all contribute to the effort to meet the crisis. Yet the efforts to date must be doubled and redoubled, if they are to be commensurate with the overseas needs, which continue to be grave in Asia as well as in Europe. The success of the conservation campaign for one hundred million bushels of grain, for example, will only bring the exportable surplus up to the level of last year. Continued and more thorough measures to eliminate over-indulgence and waste, to save and to give life-sustaining grain, will be necessary if America is to match the crisis with effective action.

Let our Christian families, as they gather about the table, in relative comfort, be mindful each day of a similar family overseas around a barren board. Let us be sensitive to the hunger pangs of the children, the anguish of the parents' hearts. Let us give thanks to God for daily bread by sharing it with such a family.



# San Diego Takes a Census



Religious News Service

**T**HE Fellowship Evangelism Program of San Diego churches is so successful that its sponsors have had to halt the project half way through, in order to take advantage of the information already assembled. During the week beginning October 3rd a total of 3,000 volunteers made calls on more than half the population of the city. And they discovered so many Protestants who were not affiliated with San Diego churches that the program had to be halted to enable the 64 participating churches to handle the "responsibility lists" already assigned to them. Director of the program was Dr. Harry C. Munro

(right) of Chicago, director of the National Christian Teaching Mission which is sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education and the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches. The local program is sponsored by the San Diego Council of Churches. In the picture above Dr. Munro is explaining to B. E. Paxton, a lay church worker, the proper method for filling out a survey card. The Fellowship Evangelism Program continues through the present church year, culminating with Easter. The second and third visitation rounds are scheduled for January and February.

## Theme Chosen For Race Relations Sunday

The theme for the 1948 Race Relations Sunday, to be observed February 8, will be "Practice Brotherhood Now!" The Department of Race Relations has announced that a packet of material suitable for year-round interracial activities is available at a small cost. Among the authors of material included in the packet are Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins, Miss Edith F. Welker, Associate Secretary and Di-

rector of Children's Work of the Connecticut Council of Churches; Miss Nina Roberts, Associate Secretary, Christian Social Relations Department of the United Council of Church Women; Miss Clarice Bowman, Messrs. Henry Rust and Robert Tessel, of the United Christian Youth Movement; Rev. E. Russell Carter, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas; Rev. A. L. Hernandez, Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian, (Spanish speaking), San Bernardino, Cal.; Dr. C. R. Wellman, New York City

Mission Society; Rev. Donald K. Toriumi, Hollywood Japanese Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Cal.

## DELEGATION MEETS PRESIDENT TRUMAN

On November 14, a delegation of Protestant leaders had an interview with President Truman at the White House, following up the earlier conference of June 6, 1946, with reference to the continuation of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as his "personal representative" at the Vatican. The delegation consisted of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, secretary of the Methodist Council of Bishops; Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Winfred E. Garrison, associate editor of the *Christian Century*; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention; and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The delegation gave the following brief summary of the conference:

"The delegation understands that the President strongly feels a need for the united support of all the moral and religious forces of the nation and of the world in his efforts to secure a just and durable peace. With this position the delegation expressed its complete accord.

"The delegation pointed out that the equal treatment of all religious groups by the government, in so far as it has relations with them, is essential to such united support by them. With this conviction the President expressed his agreement.

"The delegation left with the President certain suggestions which it believed would insure the attainment of this end. The President stated that he would take these suggestions under careful consideration.

"Meanwhile, the President reaffirmed his statement, made to the delegation on June 5, 1946, that the appointment of Mr. Taylor was a temporary expedient."

When asked by representatives of the press about the "certain suggestions" made to the President, the delegation asked to be excused from making any further comment at this time. The delegation thought it preferable to give the President opportunity to consider the matter before making a detailed statement.



# Religion and Health Group Marks Tenth Anniversary

## HISTORY OF PROGRAM REVIEWED AT DINNER

**T**HE COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND HEALTH was founded in 1937. Fourteen years earlier, in 1923, a small group of physicians and clergymen had met at the home of Mrs. John Sherman Hoyt in New York City to consider means of promoting better understanding between religion and medicine. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Henry Sloane Coffin, Thomas Salmon, M.D., and James Alexander Miller, M.D., were among the group of nine.

At the suggestion of this group the New York Academy of Medicine soon established a sub-committee on religion and medicine. Just twenty years ago, in 1927, the Academy's group joined forces with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in establishing a Joint Committee on Religion and Medicine.

The Joint Committee gave help and guidance to the movement for clinical pastoral training of the clergy, and through many informal meetings brought an increasing number of doctors and ministers to an appreciative understanding of the value of mutual cooperation.

At the informal meeting of nine Harry Emerson Fosdick said in part, "In past ages cures were sought through medical and spiritual means together. Only in the past century has science attempted to take full control and heal the sick without the aid of religion. Now there is a reaction from this position and, not finding healing in the churches, people are seeking to have their problems solved by spiritual and psychological means, and strange cults, quacks, and bogus psychologists have been flourishing. Now, modern ministers are approaching this problem in a scientific manner, trying to interpret spiritual laws with the same scientific spirit with which doctors are working to interpret physical laws."

The first meeting of the Federal Council's Commission on Religion and Health was held on November 1, 1937, presided over by Howard Chandler Robbins, whose chairmanship for the next four years exercised a wise and far-seeing guidance over the new program.

Program was undertaken cautiously but surely by the Commission (then

only a Committee because of its experimental status). A "pilot" conference on religion and mental hygiene was held; a beginning was made on the promotion of trained chaplains in hospitals; experimental courses and conferences for the clergy were sponsored; guidance on program was given to local councils of churches, resulting eventually in a handbook for local community use; and a publications program was begun.

This period resulted in little general publicity, but in an astonishing degree of understanding and acceptance of the Commission's aims and program by church leaders, and in widening contacts with medical and other professional groups.

When the United States entered the war, it was plain that millions of young men would undergo the kind of inner stress in the meeting of which the properly administered word of religion would be more precious than armor.

The Commission's main course of action became clear when its new Chairman, Otis R. Rice, was invited to lead a seminar on counseling at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for chaplains. The post chaplain wrote, "These discussions were extremely helpful and will enable the chaplains to make their personal interviews more far-reaching and effective."

With the cooperation of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains (and, in Texas, of The Hogg Foundation), the Commission offered similar service to other Army and Navy posts which were then building up to their peak activity. Requests came rapidly; and more than thirty seminars were held at the larger posts all over the United States.

At the request of the Army and Navy Department of the Y.M.C.A., therefore, the Commission joined forces in conducting seminars in the communities adjacent to camps—with

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—The 10th anniversary of the Commission on Religion and Health was observed on November 20th at a special dinner. The history appearing on these two pages is an abbreviation of the booklet entitled: *Religion and Health, 10 Years of Progress*. Copies of the booklet are available at no cost.

chaplains, local clergy, U.S.O. personnel, and often others, joining in.

By the time the seminar program had met the need, in late 1944, nearly two hundred seminars had been held in all, reaching an estimated five thousand religious workers.

Long before the war was over the Commission, seeing the importance of adequate and sound preparation of the home churches for the return of the veterans, began publication of a series of pamphlets, *The Church and Returning Service Personnel*. The use of hundreds of thousands of copies of these down-to-earth but expert discussions testified to their value.

As the Commission emerged from the war period, it had attained a new status and maturity. So broad had the Commission's scope of activities become in 1946 that a more efficient structure seemed indicated in order to keep pace with functions. In 1946 the Federal Council created the Department of Pastoral Services as the over-all group charged with the coordinating function along the lines of the Commission's central concern when initiated. The Commission continues with a program now of compassable size, and with better opportunity to study and explore its basic interest—the relation of religion to health. The greatly expanded work on religious ministry in hospitals has been turned over to the sister Commission on Ministry in Institutions.

Thus the Commission as reorganized stands again, as ten years ago, free to move and explore. The Department of Pastoral Services, and the two Commissions working under its general supervision are now able to achieve integration along with a wider expansion of services.

### OPPORTUNITIES, 1947-1957

The ten years ahead have little prospect of being calm, either for the world or for the Commission. But several conditions greatly enlarge the Commission's opportunities, and its consequent obligations, over the first ten years of its existence.

There is a new climate of opinion toward religion and Christianity in general, and toward the relation of religion to health in particular. The chances for bridge building among the professions concerned with health—of body, mind or spirit—are vastly greater than they were ten years ago. The opportunities to have guidance become effective at a local community level are more than doubled since 1937, and the requests for such guidance have increased many fold.



Theological education is seriously reconsidering its training in the practical field, especially in pastoral care and counseling, and help based on experience is welcomed. Explorations of emerging special fields like religious ministry to older people will become even more basic to the planning of all the churches. If sound programs to reach the public in large numbers are not devised, by way of radio, motion pictures, and the press, other types of

programs may take the lead.

All these, and other opportunities, present a notable challenge. The Commission stands in a unique position. It has earned a reputation for wise caution, program competence, discerning research, and intelligible education. It has earned, and now enjoys, an extraordinary freedom—which will last so long as it continues to be competent, and gets done the job which needs to be done.

in response to specific requests, has sponsored fifteen national or large regional conferences, has given counsel to more than forty seminaries, nearly twenty denominations, and half of the local councils of churches concerning education for pastoral care and counseling. . . . It has sponsored nearly two hundred counseling seminars throughout the country during the war, with five thousand professional persons attending. . . . It has published nine standard pamphlets on pastoral care and counseling. . . . It serves as a clearing house for all interests in the field of religion and health.

## Five Aims — Before and After

**F**IVE AIMS were adopted by the Commission on Religion and Health in 1938. Each is stated below. The situation in 1937, and the situation today, in relation to each of these aims, are briefly described. The Commission has had a significant part in nearly all areas of improvement, and has been the leader of many.

**"TO SHOW THAT HEALTH OF BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT IS AN ESSENTIAL CONCERN OF RELIGION."**

### THEN—1937

No denomination or council of churches had an official program in this field. . . . The facts of body-mind inter-relationships as disclosed by science were not well known even to many theologians and church leaders.

### NOW—1947

A least eight denominations now have some program in this field, as do about a third of all local councils of churches. . . . The basic fact of relationship between spiritual outlook and bodily health has become widely known. The clinical pastoral training program has advanced, and has been supplemented by other specific means of training and education.

**"TO DISCOVER AND DEMONSTRATE THE DISTINCTIVE FUNCTION OF RELIGION IN THE MAINTENANCE, RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL BALANCE."**

### THEN—1937

Medicine was devoting little attention to the problems in which spiritual outlook and attitude are especially important, such as convalescence and growing old. . . . Mental hygiene literature contained few references to religion or to the clergyman as an agent for mental health. . . . It was daring to discuss specific ways in which religion was essential to full health.

### NOW—1947

Medicine and medical education have broadened their scope enormously in a psychological and spiritual direction. . . . Mental hygiene materials increasingly include religion and the clergy. . . . The fact that religion can contribute to health being increasingly taken for granted, the focus has swung to: How and under what conditions? . . . The Commission has inaugurated a two-year Study of Religious Ministry to Older People, pioneering in a field of increasing importance. Two full-time staff members are working on the Study, being supported by a research grant from the Arbuckle-Jamison Foundation and a special grant from the Methodist Church.

**"TO AID IN REVITALIZING THE PASTOR'S MINISTRY TO INDIVIDUALS IN SPECIAL NEED AND DIFFICULTY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE NORMAL PROBLEMS OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT."**

### THEN—1937

Seminary courses on pastoral counseling, using the new knowledge of psychology and mental hygiene, were rare. . . . Few conferences for the clergy included such material, and none made it a feature. . . . No sound inexpensive pamphlet publications for the pastor were available, and most of the available books were unsatisfactory. . . . There was no clearing house for leadership, publications and program in this field.

### NOW—1947

Virtually all seminaries have some courses on pastoral counseling using the relevant new knowledge. . . . Courses of this kind are included in nearly half the general clergy conferences and schools. . . . Both denominations and local councils of churches now sponsor conferences along these lines, or include the material in general conferences. . . . The commission,

**"TO PROMOTE PRACTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN PHYSICIANS AND CLERGYMEN, AND BETWEEN OTHER LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS AND HEALTH WORK."**

### THEN—1937

No studies had been made of the real attitudes of physicians and clergy toward such cooperation. . . . No meetings were reported at which the discussion considered such cooperation. . . . No hospitals or councils of churches reported clergy-physician conferences. . . . Medical, hospital, nursing and social work journals carried almost nothing about the place of the clergyman as a co-worker. . . . No clergy had had systematic training about alcohol and alcoholism to enable them to work side by side with others. . . . Apart from the good work done in institutions where clinical pastoral training was taking place, there were no effective means employed to educate medical students about religion and theological students about medicine.

### NOW—1947

Studies have been made showing that both doctors and clergy are more interested to work with each other than had previously been suspected. . . . Many meetings of doctors and clergy to discuss practical cooperation have been held, becoming annual affairs in communities like Evansville, Indiana, and St. Louis, Missouri. . . . Hospital journals now carry several articles a year on religious work in the hospital. . . . Medical, nursing and social work journals are slower to follow suit but many carry some material. . . . More than three hundred Protestant clergy have attended the Yale School of Alcohol Studies summer session. . . . The number of theological students this year having some supervised contact with members of the healing professions is nearly five hundred. . . . At least one medical school now includes lectures on the

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# Executive Committee Urges Study of Civil Rights Report

ALL church people should give careful study to the report of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights which is a "notable contribution to our progress toward a working democracy," the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, said in a statement adopted at its meeting on November 18.

Recognizing that there may be honest differences of opinion on several recommendations of the Truman Committee, the statement points out that "The Federal Council, having already laid down what it regards as basic Christian principles (in previous actions), is especially interested in what may now be done to work out the implications of these principles in practical procedures."

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches at the same time released a resolution on one specific phase of the civil rights picture—a request that Congress amend our immigration and naturalization laws to eliminate discrimination respecting Orientals. This would extend to all Orientals the right of immigration and naturalization recently extended by Congress to Chinese, East Indians and Filipinos.

Text of the Statement on Civil Rights:

On December 5, 1946 the President created, by Executive Order, a Committee to be known as "The President's Committee on Civil Rights." After nearly a year's study this Committee made its report to the President on Wednesday, October 29, 1947.

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America views the report on Civil Rights, made by the President's Committee, as a notable contribution to our progress toward a working democracy. It commends the statement to all church people, as a document worthy of study.

The Christian concern of the churches for every individual in society is central in the Committee's report. In several respects the report lifts into prominence certain positions taken by the Federal Council, at a Special Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in March, 1946. It is now the especial responsibility and opportunity of the churches to promote discussion of the Committee's report within the framework of the Christian understanding of our faith in God as revealed through Jesus Christ, as it is related to our social living.

We note with approval that the Committee was sensitive not only to the rights of our largest minority group, the Negro, but also to other racial and religious minority

groups within our society.

Recognizing the legitimate concern of our Government with the loyalty of those who serve it in the interest of national security, we share the anxiety of the Committee for proper safeguards for the rights of the individual. It should be possible to accomplish all that is needed in the way of security without jeopardizing rights that in our Constitution are held to be inviolable.

We recognize that several of the recommendations concern specific procedures upon which there may be honest differences of opinion. The Federal Council, having already laid down what it regards as basic Christian principles, is especially interested in what may now be done to work out the implications of these principles in practical procedures. Among the objectives in the report of the President's Committee which seem to call for special attention from the churches in view of the Christian principles involved are the protection of human life against mob violence; equal opportunity for employment, regardless of race, religion or national origin; the elimination of segregation in all its aspects, including the outlawing of restrictive covenants in real estate contracts; and the right of every adult citizen to a vote.

The concern for civil rights in our own country is particularly important from the standpoint of our leadership in the world. Our national struggle toward true democracy cannot be isolated from the world scene. We cannot hope to influence other peoples to accept the Christian way of life, or other nations to accept the democratic principles we proclaim unless we can demonstrate in our own community living that we take them seriously and are striving to translate them into effective practice.

We earnestly hope that the membership of our churches will take seriously the challenge issued by the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

Text of the resolution on immigration:

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America on May 13, 1943, called upon the Congress of the United States to modify our immigration and naturalization laws to the end that natives of all friendly countries, otherwise admissible, might enter this country under the existing quota system, and become citizens on the same terms as immigrants from non-Oriental countries; and

WHEREAS, The Congress on December 17, 1943, repealed the Chinese Exclusion Laws, granted the Chinese a quota of 105 and made them eligible for naturalization; and

WHEREAS, The Congress on July 2, 1946, adopted legislation permitting East Indians and Filipinos to enter the United States with a quota of 100 from each country and making them eligible for naturalization, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Com-

mittee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America expresses the hope that the Congress of the United States will complete Congressional action in removing the principle of discrimination in our immigration and naturalization laws respecting Orientals, to the end that all Oriental peoples now racially ineligible for citizenship may be granted the same status in relation to our immigration and naturalization laws as that at present accorded the peoples of China, India and the Philippine Islands.

## WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETS IN PITTSBURGH

The autumn meeting of the Commission on Worship of the Federal Council was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 24. Sessions were held in the First Baptist Church, with Dr. Hampton Adams, chairman of the Commission, presiding. About seventy-five persons, including members of the Commission and invited guests from the Pittsburgh area, attended, with representatives from seven states.

The morning session was devoted to the business of the Commission in which four items were stressed, namely: the development of a Commission on Drama and Religion; the possibility of a Committee on Music and a full-time Musical Advisor to serve the churches of all denominations; the organization of "Workshops" on Worship if possible in the summer of 1948, and an outline of activities for the Commission during the coming five years.

Following the morning session, luncheon was served in the church parlors at which Deane Edwards, Executive Secretary of the Commission, interpreted the aims and spirit of the Commission as it has carried on its work through the past fifteen years, and looks forward to the future.

A public Service of Ecumenical Worship in recognition of World Order Day was held in the evening in the Heinz Memorial Chapel of the University of Pittsburgh. The service was prepared by Hugh Thomson Kerr and was conducted by Hampton Adams in cooperation with Dr. Kerr and other local pastors. The address was given by Mr. Stewart W. Herman, Jr. formerly pastor of the American church in Berlin, recently returned from Europe, on the subject "The Ecumenical Spirit and World Order."

The Pittsburgh meeting was arranged in cooperation with the Council of Churches of Allegheny County, Rev. O. M. Walton, Secretary; and Dr. Kerr and Bishop Austin H. Pardue, the Pittsburgh members of the Commission.



# 28 to 14 Vote in Opposition To Compulsory Training Plan

**T**HE Executive Committee by a vote of 28 to 14 adopted a statement reaffirming opposition "to the establishment by the United States at this time of a system of compulsory universal military training."

The statement emphasized that despite differences of opinion among church groups on this issue, and "despite our full recognition of the need for adequate military defense, any effort to establish now a system of compulsory universal military training will meet with widespread opposition . . . for religious and moral reasons and on deep-seated grounds of Americanism."

It was pointed out that no denomination which is a member of the Federal Council has voted to support compulsory universal military training, and that those denominations which have expressed judgment are opposed to the idea.

In a separate action the Executive Committee urged quick congressional action to meet the emergency needs of the world. "Any unnecessary delay or timidity in the arrangement of emergency aid might permit hunger, cold, disease and despair so to ravage the peoples in peril as to foreclose the possibilities of an effective reconstruction program."

**Text of the Statement on Universal Military Training:**

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America reaffirms its opposition to the establishment by the United States at this time of a system of compulsory universal military training.

The constituent communions of the Federal Council, insofar as they have expressed their judgment on this issue, are opposed to the adoption by Congress of legislation providing for compulsory military training. Reports that have come to us indicate that ten national religious assemblies have taken action opposing such training. Certain other national religious assemblies have discussed the question without a vote being taken. To the best of our knowledge no one of our constituent communions has supported compulsory universal military training. The actions here referred to are not to be construed as necessarily reflecting a unanimous judgment of the communions in question. There are differences of opinion both within the churches and among ourselves.

It is apparent, however, that despite these differences of opinion, and despite our full recognition of the need for adequate mili-

tary defense, any effort to establish now a system of compulsory universal military training will meet with widespread opposition both within our churches and among a majority of the members of the Federal Council's Executive Committee for religious and moral reasons and on deep-seated grounds of Americanism.

We are keenly aware of the tensions existing in the world today. We also recognize that military power is exercising a strong influence in the shaping of international policy. We believe, however, that the fear of war can best be allayed and the risk of war can best be diminished by accelerating the economic and social recovery of Europe and Asia.

The European Recovery Program now before Congress offers the United States an unexcelled opportunity to strengthen the foundations of democracy in the West and to improve the economic and social well-being of the Western world. We believe that substantial and adequate aid to Asia is a necessary corollary to aid to Europe. We are convinced, therefore, that the European Recovery Program and the implementing of a like program for Asia constitute a priority in American foreign policy. The resources and energies of our nations should not now be diverted from this primary task of reconstruction.

Moreover, such of our constituent bodies as have opposed compulsory universal military training deplore the determination of this issue as a gesture of military power in the midst of the present tensions in international relations. It is believed that to depart from traditional American policy by inaugurating at this time a system of compulsory universal military training would contribute to the further deterioration of the present situation.

There is opposition among the churches to the government assuming responsibility for indoctrination and discipline in the matter of citizenship since it has been the genius of our democracy to rely upon the home, the church and the school for such training. There are also grave doubts with regard to the moral consequences of taking immature youths from their normal relationships in family, church and community and putting them into an abnormal community.

Finally, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in Biennial Session in Seattle, in December 1946, supported "the announced purpose of our government to work for a comprehensive system of disarmament." Little, if any progress has been achieved in implementing the provisions of the General Assembly's resolution on Principles Governing the General Regulation and Reduction of Armaments. We wish to foster no illusions regarding the early likelihood of accomplishing the ends embodied in this resolution. We

believe, however, that if our nation were now to reverse the military policy to which, in peace time, it has adhered from the days of its foundation, in favor of a system of compulsory universal military training, the effect would be further to jeopardize the possibility of regulating and reducing armaments by international agreement.

**Text of the Statement on Emergency Overseas Aid.**

First-hand reports from churchmen who have visited or worked in the war-devastated and drought-ridden areas of Europe and the Far East testify to the urgent needs of the people in these areas for food, clothing, and coal this winter. Christian precept, humanitarian impulse, and enlightened self-interest all call for prompt and generous assistance by the United States to the peoples in great need. The longer-range recovery program requires careful consideration by the Congress and our people, if it is to be most effective. However, any unnecessary delay or timidity in the arrangement of emergency aid might permit hunger, cold, disease, and despair so to ravage the peoples in peril as to foreclose the possibilities of an effective reconstruction program. Consequently, we urge the Congress to give in behalf of our people, a quick and generous response to the emergency relief needs. We likewise urge our church people to support such a program through voluntary conservation and relief contributions.

## STUDENT CONFERENCE TO MEET IN KANSAS

More than 2500 delegates, including students and faculty members from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, several hundred mission leaders from 60 foreign countries and staff representatives of foreign and home missions boards will meet for the Student Conference on Christian Frontiers, to be held December 27 to January 1, 1948 at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. In announcing the conference, Dr. Winburn T. Thomas, general secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, described the meeting as "the most representative gathering of Christian youth since before the war." Delegates will hear prominent churchmen and mission leaders as they meet for addresses and for the daily discussion and work groups. Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, former medical missionary in China, has accepted the position of conference chairman.

Other agencies sponsoring the conference are the Home Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference, the United Christian Student Council, and the Student Christian Movement of Canada.



# Convocation Considers Problems of Rural Church

By SHIRLEY CHARLTON

**D**ELEGATES to the Convocation on the Church in Town and Country called for the establishment of an agency to strengthen the work of the rural church on a nation-wide basis. The resolution was adopted at the fourth annual meeting of the Convocation held in Rochester during November, which brought together 700 delegates from the United States and Canada.

"The crucial problems confronting the rural church are capable of solution only on an interdenominational basis," declared the resolution, which asked that an adequate staff be provided by the sponsoring agencies—the Home Missions Council of North America, the Federal Council of Churches and the International Council of Religious Education.

The time is ripe for the launching of a more effective national town and country church movement, continued the resolution, which called for special study in the following fields: surveys and studies on overchurching and local church competition, the need for reconstruction of rural parishes on an efficient basis in thousands of communities, and the recruitment of adequate ministerial and lay leadership.

A second resolution passed by the Convocation asked Congress to reinstate the census of religious bodies with adequate appropriation at the earliest possible date. The census was abandoned last year by the Bureau of Census, due to lack of funds.

The unique contribution that the American farmer can make to the success of the food conservation program was emphasized in a joint statement by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches and Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council.

In addition to conserving grain whenever possible, farmers were asked to help the hungry overseas by contributions of grain through church relief channels.

The trend toward commercialization in agriculture was revealed by Dr. William G. Mather, professor of rural sociology at Pennsylvania State College. The farmer is now operating in a money economy, he declared, and as a result has adopted many of the ruthless methods and doubtful ethics com-

monly attributed to the American business man.

The family-sized farm is disappearing while the number of farms under five acres and over 1,000 acres is increasing, according to Dr. B. L. Hummel, professor of sociology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Although this may be desirable from the standpoint of producing cheap food for a large non-farm population, he added, it is generally agreed that farm life has a social as well as an economic contribution to make to our national existence.

Representative Brooks Hays of Arkansas told the Convocation that rural church leaders have a profound contribution to make toward evolving American foreign policy, for if the moral ingredients for peace are not available, military strength will be inadequate for world reconstruction.

## INCREASE NOTED IN THE OBSERVANCE OF REFORMATION DAY

The observance of Reformation Day continues to grow in both the large and the small communities of the nation. Services have been sponsored by councils of churches, ministerial associations and neighborhood groups of churches.

The larger cities which initiated the contemporary interest in community-wide observances have had outstanding celebrations this year. St. Louis, Mo., held its third Reformation Day Service in the Kiel Auditorium with about 400 churches from fifteen denominations represented. The address was given by Rt. Rev. Angus Dun of Washington, D.C. The gathering in Cleveland, Ohio, filled the Public Hall where the address was given by Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin of New York. Four hundred joined in the procession, and representatives of four races carried the open Bible which headed the procession. The music of the service was led by a choir of 1,000 voices.

Cincinnati, Ohio, continued its custom with a united service addressed by Dr. Harold Cook Phillips of Cleveland. Buffalo, N. Y., reported its largest Reformation Day Service with 3,000 persons present. Providence, R. I., held a great Festival of Faith for Protestants of that State in the Beneficent

Congregational Church with 2,000 people present and Dr. Paul E. Scherer of New York as the speaker. The combined Augustana Lutheran choir of the Providence District led the music.

The Manhattan and Bronx sections of New York City held a service in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine with the address given by Governor Luther W. Youngdahl of Minnesota. The service in Brooklyn was held in the Hanson Place Central Methodist Church with Rev. Stewart W. Herman, Jr., as the speaker.

The service in San Antonio, Texas was marked by the unveiling of a plaque marking the location of the first Protestant church service in that city, held in April 1844, in which Methodist and Presbyterian ministers collaborated. The Indiana Council of Churches sponsored an effort to have a Reformation Day Service in each of the 91 counties of the state, and many responded, holding united services at central points.

St. Paul, Minn., reports a united service in the House of Hope Presbyterian Church addressed by Dr. Frederick E. Reissig of Washington, D.C.

Reports have come in from other communities, large and small, including Martins Ferry, W. Va.; New Haven, Conn.; Albany, N. Y.; McKeesport, Pa., and Washington, Pa.

In addition to the united services many Reformation Day observances were held by Lutheran groups, following the well established custom of that communion in emphasizing year by year the Protestant heritage.

DEANE EDWARDS

## DEDICATE NEW HEADQUARTERS

The dedication recently of the new Christian Herald House, to be the headquarters of one of the leading Protestant interdenominational publications, was a high point in 70 years of progress. From the time of its founding by Dr. Louis Klopsch in 1878 to the present leadership of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president, the *Christian Herald* has grown steadily in its service to American Protestantism.

The Herald Association sponsors The Bowery Mission, ministering to millions in its 50 years of supervision. In Mont Lawn, New York, more than 50,000 boys and girls from New York City's slums have spent their summers. An orphanage and industrial mission in Foochow, China, are Herald-sponsored projects, as is the Memorial Home Community in Florida, for retired ministers and their wives.



# 150 Leaders Participate In Church Economic Conference

By INA SUGIHARA

SOME 150 ministers, lay leaders, youth leaders, and church school teachers participated in a two-day Metropolitan New York Conference on the Church and Economic Life on November 7 and 8, sponsored by the Human Relations Commission of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Rather than attempting to formulate policy on specific issues the group concentrated on facts concerning our economic society and everyday events in terms of the people affected by them.

Federal Council officials participating included Charles P. Taft, president, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, former president, who gave the keynote addresses at the opening session; Rev. Cameron P. Hall, executive secretary of the Department of the Church and Economic Life; and Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, director of the Department of Research and Education.

The general plan was to have an open public meeting with keynote addresses; a series of discussion groups for those involved in the educational program of the local church—one for ministers, another for church school teachers, still another for lay leaders, and a fourth for youth leaders, then an overall session on resource materials; a luncheon with speakers from management and labor; some films as examples of an educational technique in the field of social action, and a panel discussion pointing to action, on "What Can the Church Do Now?"

Bishop Oxnam defined the all-inclusive responsibility of the Church, from which no area of life can be left out: "Wherever men are found, there the Church has responsibility. The Church envisions a social order in which the sacredness of every personality is recognized and everyone finds opportunity for the fullest self-expression of which he is capable."

He cautioned against sanctioning any particular economic system, but urged examining all of them for possible value.

Mr. Taft recommended that local conferences extend invitations to management, labor, and agriculture representatives, to economists, clergymen, and theologians to take an active part.

The New York Conference did not cover all these categories, though it

did include people in education, management, and in both CIO and AFL unions, as well as labor education, and organizations working for definite ideals through labor and other groups.

The resource materials discussion led by Dr. Johnson helped to crystallize the recommendations of the four education groups meeting earlier, and was characterized by a great many suggestions from the audience on valuable sources of information on economic and social questions.

Mr. Hall pointed to the fact that every church member is a part of an economic society, as producer, consumer, owner, tax-payer, voter, and a part of public opinion. It then behooves a church group to introduce discussions on subjects of interest to these groups into their regular programs, try to have some leaders guide the group in action, and attempt to support those leaders as much as possible.

Mr. Chase, the management luncheon speaker, said:

"We have failed for the most part to understand the basic needs and aspirations of people. We have been preoccupied by the unrealistic belief that men work for wages alone.

"The man with a job *wants* to believe that where he spends his working hours is the best place for him to be. Where management has recognized Citizen Sam as a human being. . . . there has been greater labor peace, greater understanding, and ultimately better production."

William L. Munger, executive secretary of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union (AFL), characterized the reform movements of the past decade or two as being "basically negative in spiritual value, because of the shortcomings of both their philosophies and the churches."

## OTHER CONFERENCES

In Boston, equal numbers of labor and management men from more than a dozen Massachusetts communities met from October 24 to 26 for the regional conference on the church and economic life.

The delegates met for discussion periods, dividing into two groups, one of which used the Pittsburgh report as the basis of study, and the other the Sumner Slichter Committee re-

port to the Massachusetts legislature on Massachusetts Industrial Relations policy.

A number of ministers attended the sessions. Two Massachusetts bishops, Bishop Hartman of the Methodist Church and Bishop Nash of the Episcopal Church, were present throughout the entire conference.

Among the other "Little Pittsburgh" conferences scheduled are: December 2-4, Baltimore, Md.; December 12-14, Buffalo, N. Y.; January 13, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; February 6-8, Flint, Mich.

## Celebrate 90 Years of Church Cooperation

The 90th anniversary, on December 3, of interchurch cooperation in Buffalo, N. Y., has been preceded by weeks of special events bringing the attention of the public to the progress made since 1857, when the Erie County Sabbath School Association was organized as the first step toward cooperation among the churches in the field of Christian Education. The work of the original Association is now being carried on by the Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County through its Education Department.

The first anniversary event on September 14 was attended by over 5,000 persons, who witnessed a motorcade to the grounds where an outdoor service was held.

All churches observed the anniversary Sunday at their regular services, and united for an address by an officer of the International Council of Religious Education, and a showing of the new film produced by the Protestant Film Commission. A special religious radio drama was broadcast from a local station.

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And it is night when man still is afraid.  
Let night be peopled with angels and singing;

Skies can be flooded with stars as with tears.

Christ's mass is honored when stout hearts are bringing

Tokens of Christmas through all of their years.

JOHN GRAY RHIND



# Ministry Commission Meets For Evaluation Session

**F**or the first time, on October 13, denominational executives met to share data on every aspect of their respective ministries, under the auspices of the Commission on the Ministry. Called as a "Consultation on the Effective Ministry," the evaluation session was the initial occasion on which there has been a formal exchange of facts and methods in the field of ministerial standards, training, age distribution, retirement, and enlistment.

"How many ministers, for how many churches, how well trained, of what age, and how enlisted?" With such queries the various leaders dealt, under the chairmanship of Dr. Paul E. Scherer, nationally recognized "minister to ministers" and Chairman of the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry. Presentations were given by Dr. Milton C. Froyd of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. Edgar Lloyd Smith of the Disciples of Christ; Rev. C. Leslie Glenn of the (Episcopal) Church Society for College Work; Dr. Dale H. Moore, Chairman of the Evangelical and Reformed Committee on Enlistment; Dr. J. Richard Spann, Educational Director of the Methodist Commission on Ministerial Training; Dr. Gould Wickey, Executive Secre-

tary of the United Lutheran Board of Education; Rev. Harold E. Meyers, Director of Life Work for the Presbyterian U.S.A. Church. A report from the Student Volunteer Movement, missionary recruiting agency, was also presented.

Although summary of the presentations has not yet been made, and although other similar consultations are planned by the Commission for further exploration, general conclusions of the meeting were clear. One was that every denomination reporting shows an immediate need for ministers, in numbers from dozens to hundreds. Another is that despite specific educational standards earnestly enforced in every major communion, "short-cuts" of such requirements are still not uncommon in all groups. Average salaries and retirement provisions were seen to be in most cases unsatisfactory. It was plain that every denomination represented is now engaged in a new effort to enlist both men and women for church vocations, with new literature, personnel, and cooperation from youth movements and seminaries. "This consultation," said one church official who heads the effective-ministry program in his communion, "has

provided the biggest help I have received in years."

COUNCIL GROUP COOPERATES ON FILM

Script for the full-length motion picture on the Ministry, projected by the Protestant Film Commission, is to be studied for approval by the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry. As the manuscript is prepared this fall—costs of writing being borne by the Methodist Council of Secretaries—it will be carefully considered by the Council group in an effort to secure accurate representation of the Protestant minister and his work.

JOHN OLIVER NELSON

## Former German Pastor On U. S. Speaking Tour

Dr. Stewart W. Herman, Jr., recently returned from Geneva where he served for two years as an executive officer on the staff of the World Council of Churches, will fill a speaking schedule set up for him by the American Committee for the World Council, during the months of November and December. Dr. Herman has lived and worked in Europe for the past twelve years, serving as pastor of the Interdenominational American Church in Berlin for five years prior to the war. During the last year of the war he served in the OSS in Europe.

He spoke in the East during the month of November and in December will go to the Pacific Coast for speaking engagements. Any church council or local church interested in having Dr. Herman speak in their area should communicate with the American Committee for the World Council of Churches at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

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NEW BUILDING FOR  
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At the meeting of the General Commission on Chaplains, held in Washington on October 29, there was an inspection of the new building which has been purchased as a memorial to the Protestant chaplains who lost their lives in the World War and as a permanent headquarters for the Commission. The building, which is located at 122 Maryland Avenue, N.E., across the street from the Supreme Court Building, is now undergoing remodeling to make it serviceable for office purposes. It is the former home of Senator Hiram Johnson of California. A total of \$96,000 has been secured through contributions, chiefly from cooperating denominations, to cover the purchase price and the additional costs of remodeling and furnishing. Approximately \$10,000 more is needed in order to complete the project satisfactorily. It is hoped that the General Commission will be able to move into its headquarters about January 1, 1948. The building will include a small memorial chapel in which will be inscribed the names of the chaplains who gave their lives in the line of duty during the war.

Three visitations are to be made this winter by representatives of the Commission to the army and navy chaplains stationed in the Far East, in Alaska and in the Caribbean area, including the Panama Canal Zone. A series of chaplain-churchmen conferences in the interest of securing the cooperation of local churches in service to the men in the armed forces has been held in 8 cities, the latest in Chicago on November 20. The monthly magazine *The Chaplain* is now going to a mailing list of 3,000, and the more popular publication *The Link*, which is designed as a medium of Christian influence among the enlisted men, is being circulated in an edition of 60,000 per month. One of the new projects of the General Commission on Chaplains is the provision of circulating libraries for chaplains overseas. Six libraries, each consisting of 50 volumes, for use in different areas have thus far been established. The question of a more effective organization of the chaplains in the Veterans Administration was the subject of extended discussion at the meeting of the General Commission. The General Commission, in cooperation with the corresponding organiza-

tions in the Roman Catholic and the Jewish bodies, is pressing for the creation of a special chaplains corps, related at the top level to the Veterans Administration, instead of the present arrangement in which the chaplaincy is a part of "Special Services." Between the morning and the afternoon sessions there was a luncheon at the Hotel Statler addressed by Mr. James V. Forrestal, Secretary for National Defense. Mr. Forrestal emphasized the importance of the chaplains' influence at a time when it is difficult for ordinary men to maintain hope or faith in anything.

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clergyman's functions in relation to the task of the physician. "TO IMPROVE THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCHES TO THOSE IN HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND TO THOSE SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC ILLNESS."

THEN—1937

Religious work had not had a place on the program of the American Protestant Hospital Association. . . . Only twenty Protestant hospitals had full-time chaplains. . . . There were only a dozen full-time chaplains in veterans' hospitals. . . . Only a half dozen mental hospitals had full-time chaplains trained for this exacting work. . . . No systematic facts had been collected on religious ministry to persons in institutions.

NOW—1947

Four surveys and studies made by the Commission at the request of the American Protestant Hospital Association have had a wide influence in setting standards and improving religious ministry to the sick. . . . Nearly fifty Protestant hospitals have full-time chaplains. . . . Nearly three hundred full-time chaplains are at work in the Veterans Administration. . . . The number of trained chaplains in mental hospitals is still small, but has more than doubled. . . . Studies have made available factual material on many aspects of religious ministry to people in institutions. . . . There is a small but sound and rapidly growing body of literature on religious ministry in hospitals and other institutions. . . . The number of Protestant clergy giving full time to such ministry has more than doubled since 1937.

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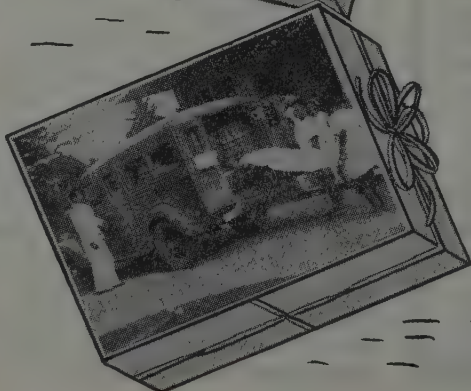
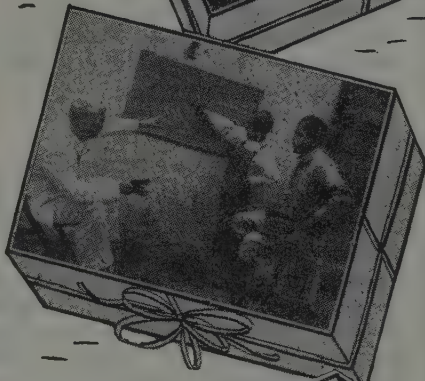
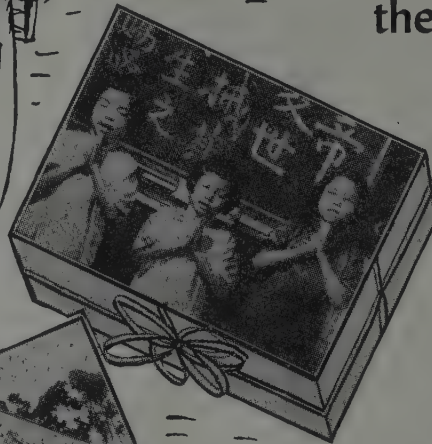
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# Church World Service Sponsors 2000 More Displaced Persons

**W**ITH the recent granting by the U. S. Department of Justice of a request by Church World Service to bring an additional 2,000 displaced persons into the country under its corporate affidavit, the total number of persons from war-ravaged countries whose entry has been sponsored by CWS has risen to 3,400. More than 1,000 have already been brought to America and have been resettled here.

In a group of 50, recently arriving in New York, were 25 family units of several nationalities, most of them from the Baltic countries or from Germany where they had been persecuted under the Nazis. They were Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and those of no formal religious affiliation. Under the CWS program they will be lodged temporarily and then resettled in various communities throughout the country where affiliated church service groups will help them to find homes and employment and to establish friendly relations within the communities. A study of the immigrants previously brought into the country by CWS shows that most of the persons need help for only a short time after arriving, soon accustom themselves to American life and become independent. The average age of the immigrants is 27; and the study has revealed that their occupations are varied, ranging from unskilled labor to the professions.

The corporate affidavit policy, which enables Church World Service to bring to America at least 100 persons each month, was made effective by President Truman's directive of December 1945. The whole program of aid to displaced persons through the American Protestant and Orthodox churches is now channeled through the CWS Committee on Displaced Persons, which was set up in June of this year. Into this committee were assumed the functions of the former American Christian Committee for Refugees, now dissolved. In a statement at the time of her appointment, Miss Aroos Benneyan, secretary of the committee, said that the two phases of the committee's activity would be welfare work among persons in the displaced persons camps and transportation and resettlement aid to immigrants in the United States and other countries. The Immigration Program provides for the selection of the persons overseas and

for the reception, temporary shelter and maintenance and resettlement services in the United States. The overseas staff, under Barent Landstreet, assists immigrants who have been screened by military and government officials, in their immigration to the United States, Canada and several South American countries. The welfare branch of the overseas staff works with the homeless still in the camps awaiting resettlement or immigration, and carries on a program of vocational training, child care, relief aid and pastoral assistance.

## Radio Programs—December

**SUNDAYS**—Dr. Francis C. Stifler, "Radio Chapel," WOR, New York only—9:30-10:00 a. m.; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, "National Radio Pulpit," NBC—10:00-10:30 a. m.; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, "National Vespers," ABC—2:30-3:00 p. m.

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**FRIDAYS** — "Minute of Prayer," WOR, New York only—6 a. m.; Dr. Arthur Henry Limouze, "Gems for Thought," ABC—8:45-8:50 a. m. and 11:30-11:35 p. m.

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## **1000 EXPECTED FOR ATLANTA CONVOCATION**

Twenty-five Protestant church leaders representing ten Southeastern states, fourteen separate denominations, and several inter-denominational councils of churches met in Atlanta recently to formulate plans for the Protestant Church Convocation which will be held in Atlanta January 13 through 15, 1948. The churchmen issued a call for more than one thousand chosen delegates from all departments of church life, from councils of churches and ministerial associations, YW and YMCA's and church related colleges and theological seminaries to convene in what they characterized as "the most significant church gathering ever to assemble in the Southeast." The theme for the convocation program is: "Protestantism faces its task in the Southeast."

Plans for the convocation include calling upon the services of outstanding religious, educational, and scientific leaders throughout the South and the nation at large, and some of international repute, as speakers and group leaders for the sessions of the Convocation. They agreed upon a schedule by which to secure proportionate, adequate representation from all Protestant Churches in the region.

The convocation will be sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council, and the International Council of Religious Education. The Federal Council will hold its regular bi-monthly Executive Com-

mittee meeting in Atlanta on January 13, in conjunction with the convocation program.

## **MACKAY NEW HEAD OF MISSIONARY COUNCIL**

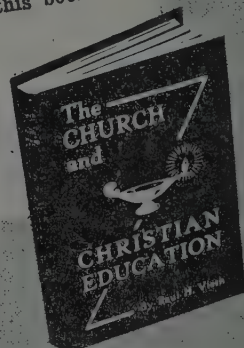
Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, has accepted the chairmanship of the International Missionary Council and will assume his new duties on January 1, succeeding Bishop James C. Baker of the San Francisco area of the Methodist Church. The Council, with headquarters at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, represents 28 regional bodies made up of missionary societies and national churches in all parts of the world.

In a statement accepting the new post, Dr. Mackay said: "It is a significant and inspiring fact, amidst the confusion and anarchy now prevailing in the world, that across the flaming frontiers of hate, there are Christian churches of the evangelical tradition in more than seventy lands. As a result of the war and its aftermath, the bonds of love and of common purpose between the younger churches of Asia, Africa, Oceania and Latin America, and the older churches of Europe and North America have grown in tenderness and strength.

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"Beyond Our Own" is a production of the Protestant Film Commission, organized a year and a half ago by the national boards of nineteen denominations and thirteen interdenomination-

al agencies. The picture is the first in a series of seven.

"Beyond Our Own" has also introduced a second potential for the work of the commission. On November 16, simultaneous television showings of the film were held in New York, Washington and Baltimore. Although the cost of a "live" television show is high, motion pictures such as "Beyond Our Own," which are financed through rentals paid by churches and clubs using them, can be placed on television at very little cost.

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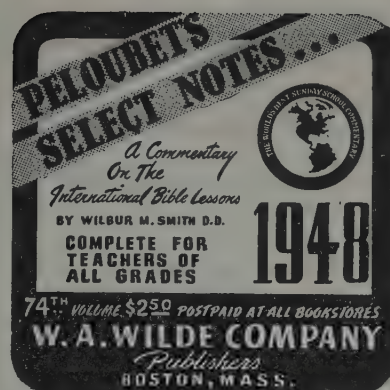
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## DECLINE SHOWN IN CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

A comparison of figures for consumer expenditures from 1929 to 1945 indicates that the proportion going to religious bodies has been declining since 1932, according to Benson Y. Landis, editor of the Yearbook of American Churches which is edited under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches.

In 1932 a total of 1.5 per cent of consumer expenditures were contributions to religious bodies, whereas for 1945 the amount had dropped to six-tenths of one per cent. These figures are contained in the report of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The total amount in dollars has, of course, shown an increase, due to greater total consumer expenditures: 743 million dollars contributed in 1932 as against 783 million dollars in 1945.

Mr. Landis reports that figures given by the United Stewardship Council appear to be somewhat higher than those reported by the government. From experience in previous years it is estimated that the total Protestant contributions as reported by the

United Stewardship Council are approximately one-half of the total religious contributions in the country. The USC reports for 1945 total Protestant contributions of 492 million—double that would be a total of 984 million as against the government figure of 783 million. For 1946 USC reports total contributions of 591 million—doubling that gives an estimate of 1,182 million dollars.

## COUNCILS ASKED FOR NEWS

Local councils and individual church leaders have been asked to send items of general religious interest to a nationwide radio audience to John L. Fortson, public relations director of the Federal Council, for possible use on "Religion in the News." The program, with Mr. Fortson as commentator, brings to the air a comprehensive summary of the news events of the week in the field of religion, under the auspices of the Council. It is broadcast at 6:15 p.m. each Saturday over the NBC network, with some stations rebroadcasting later in the evening or on Sunday. Local radio schedules will indicate the hour of rebroadcast in each area.

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# AMONG THE NEW BOOKS

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BY SIR ARTHUR KEITH, G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$3.00

This is an important book. Important not only because it is written by one of the world's most eminent scholars in his chosen field of anthropology, but because the author attempts to give an answer to the age-old query "what is the ultimate fate of humanity".

The plan of the book invites easy reading. There is brief preface by one of the author's disciples, Dr. Ernest Hooton of Harvard. This is followed by a foreword from the author succinctly telling the *raison d'être* for the book and its scope. No careful reader will skip the preface.

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Sir Arthur states in his foreword that there are three main themes on

which he wishes to throw light.

(1) The manner in which the final stage of man's evolution or ascent was accomplished.

(2) The current conception of race and of nation.

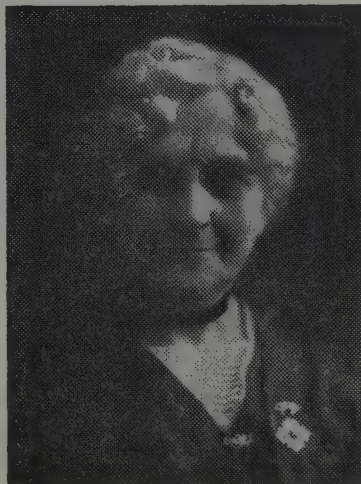
(3) War—"the greatest evil of the modern world."

He reverses this order and begins with the last, because when he started to write it was autumn 1942—and the great evil, war, had man within its grip. But there was a more specific reason. A contemporary, Dr. C. H. Waddington, had published in the British scientific journal *Nature*, an article in which he (Dr. Waddington) defended the thesis "that science was in a position to provide mankind with a true system of ethics." With this thesis Sir Arthur disagrees. In other words his thesis is "that a knowledge of evolution will never enable a man to reduce ethics to a scientific formula." With that many would agree. Sir Arthur arrives at this conclusion by

sifting a good bit of the mountainous data that he has collected over a long period of years, and not from any emotional approach. He couples with this the following statement—"mean-time let me say that the conclusion I have come to is this: the law of Christ is incompatible with the law of evolution—as far as the law of evolution has worked hitherto." Some may take issue but remember he is using the law of Christ as synonymous with the Christian ethic.

In this brief review we cannot do justice to the importance of this work. If you wish to get a fresh approach to the perplexing question of human evolution; a new insight into the interpretation of the Christian ethic from an anthropologist; a clear and interesting presentation of nations as evolutionary units and not political units, and finally a searching analysis of the evil of man, and an evolutionary interpretation of the second World War, read this book.

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## Pilgrimage to Amsterdam

By H. G. G. HERKLOTS and HENRY SMITH LEIPER, Morehouse-Gorham Co., New York, 1947. \$1.00.

A popular survey of events leading up to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches, to be held in Amsterdam in 1948, has been published under the title, "Pilgrimage to Amsterdam." The authors are Canon H. G. G. Herklots, Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Sheffield (England), and Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Associate General Secretary, World Council of Churches, and secretary to the American Committee for the Council.

Citing the Council's first Assembly as "both a declaration of the spiritual unity of the member churches and a means through which they may express that unity in action," the authors give an authoritative presentation of the work being undertaken by the four study commissions which are preparing the controversial material for the Assembly under the general theme—"Man's Disorder and God's Design."

The Commission on "The Church and the Disorder of Society" under the chairmanship of Dr. Reinhold Nie-

buhr, the authors pointed out, will be concerned with the relationship of individual men to a technological society and will be called upon to present material on the emergence of "political parties on the Continent of Europe which bear the name of Christian"

## Thomas Jefferson

By HENRY WILDER FOOTE. Beacon Press, \$1.25.

The religious views of Thomas Jefferson seem to have been almost as freely discussed as his political ideas. Dr. Foote, a Unitarian clergyman who was for a time secretary of the faculty of the Harvard Divinity School, calls this book "an inquiry into the religion of the third President."

Dr. Foote's scholarly treatise presents the main issues and his own conclusions clearly and concisely. Certain of the attacks on Mr. Jefferson's religious positions were politically motivated. The distinguished founding father called himself a Unitarian. He was, as everyone knows, a champion of religious freedom. He was also a consistent advocate of Christian morality.

He once made a compilation of gospel writings under the title, "The Philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth. . ." Jefferson is here interpreted as strongly anti-clerical, largely his response to the attacks on his stand with respect to religious freedom. B.Y.L.

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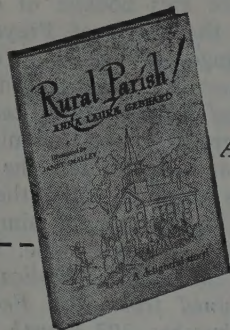


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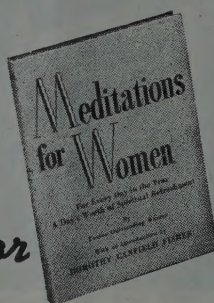
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## Washington Secretary Will Go to Geneva

Through the generous action of the Washington Federation of Churches, of which he has been Executive Secretary since 1942, Reverend Frederick E. Reissig, D.D., Lutheran clergyman, has been released to accept an appointment by the Geneva office of the World Council of Churches as Director of Public Relations for the World Council in connection with the World Assembly, the first of its kind, which will meet in Amsterdam, Holland, August 22nd to September 5th, 1948.

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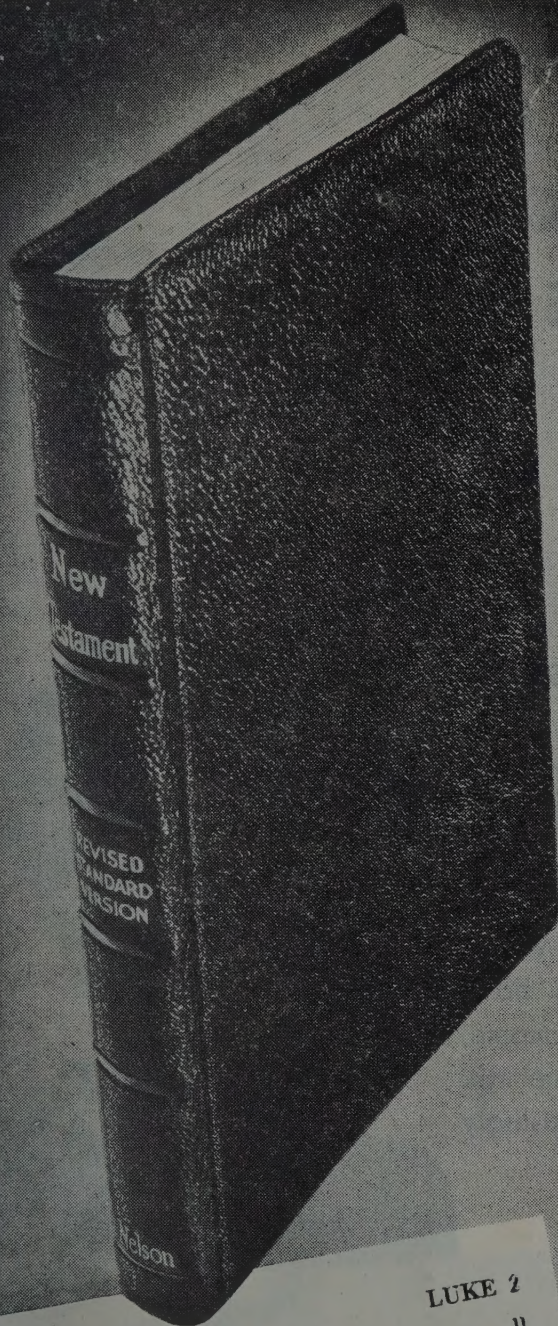


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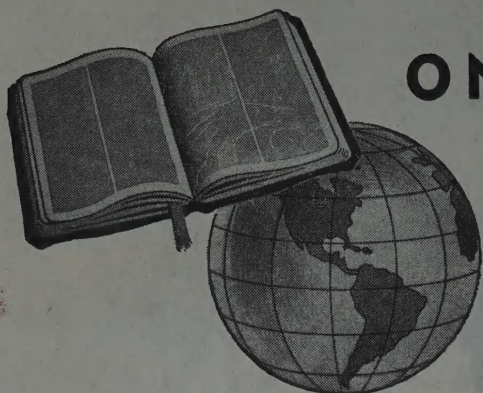
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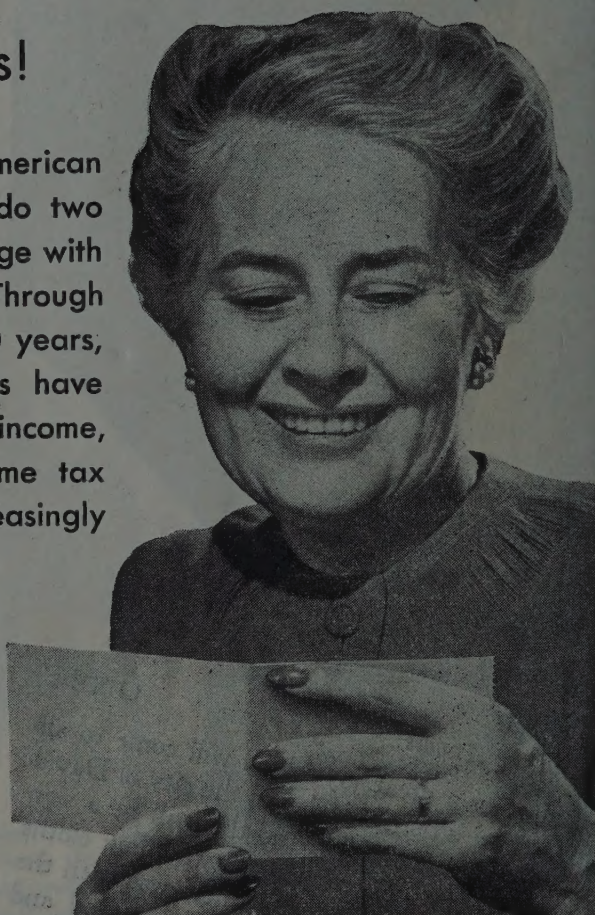
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